

Roser Council Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2023

Present: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Dan Divine, Barbara Dohner, Dianne and Doug DeLong, Nancian Hall, Mary Horton, Pam Ladd, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Gretchen Petraske, Donna Pope, Rev. Dirk Rodgers, Darrel Shinn, John and Sharon Skladany, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward

Chair of the Congregation Cathy Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Joys and Concerns were shared. Rev. Dirk Rodgers opened the meeting with prayer.

The Minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

Reports: In addition to reports sent out before the meeting

Pastor – Rev. Dirk Rodgers

Pastor Dirk will be doing the sermon at the Easter Sunrise Service in Holmes Beach. He also talked about the need to add younger generations to the Roser Community and asked all B/Cs to discuss this in their meetings.

Executive Committee – Cathy Meehan

Following discussion at the February Executive Committee meeting and the chance for further discussion at their March meeting, the following motion is being brought forward by the Executive Committee:

Motion: The Executive Committee recommends that:

- **the written Minutes of all Council Meetings and the Roser Annual Meeting be put on the website after approval,**
- **that only members have access to the audio recording of the Annual Meeting and that it is available for listening only at the Church,**
- **that no written transcripts or other recordings of meetings be made available for distribution.**

The Motion passed.

Nominating Committee – Barb Dohner

Barb asked Council members to think of potential substitute Clerks to do Cass' job while she continues to recover from surgery. Please send names to Barb or Cathy Meehan.

Trustees – Alan Ward

Landscape work is being done outside and the exterior trim is being painted on the Chapel. Alan mentioned all the work that Bill Marini has done around the campus.

BREd – Beth Bernet

BREd is getting ready for the children's Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 service and getting ready for VBS in early June. A reminder to Council members of the VBS workday for volunteers on May 20. All are welcome.

Deacons – John Skladany

Deacons are working on being ready for Good Friday and the two Easter Sunday services.

Missions – Cathy Meehan for Vanessa Oney

Missions is attempting to collect more money. On Tuesday, March 28th, Mike Pescitelli will have a tent to advertise to the community what missions Roser supports and will also be asking for donations by the Thrift Store. We are trying new things.

Music – Sherry Oehler

Music is asking for feedback on the Concert Series as they evaluate this program and consider whether to continue it or change it. Suggestions for potential performers are also welcome. The Cantata is April 2 and Craig is planning a children's performance for May 12 called "Martin and the Doors".

Altar – Donna Pope

1. Thanks to Edna Bomar for providing flowers on the altar in the sanctuary.
2. Thanks to Liz Rodgers for providing new flowers on March 19 for the corner shelves in the sanctuary.
3. As requested, the wall behind the new cabinet in the Narthex has been painted.
4. The new TV for church announcements will soon be installed on the wall above the cabinet in the Narthex.

Stephen Ministry – Pastor Dirk Rodgers

Dick and Betty Gilmore will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Mother's Day.

Food Bank – Cathy Meehan for Jack Brennan

43 bags of groceries distributed in February, down from 59 in January. Purchased \$3,911 Publix cards for Sponsored Food Recipient Program (SFRP) distribution in March. The Blessing Box is well utilized.

\$46,024 is in the FP bank account as of 3/6/23.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

Starting after Easter, Membership will be going through the recently collected information update cards from the membership. They are planning to update the membership list and contact those who the church has not heard from over the course of the year.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

The Guild had a very successful Fashion Show. Thanks to all the volunteers and to Alan for cooking some very good chicken.

Library – Dianne and Doug DeLong

Childrens books are the most popular and the Little Library is in need of more.

Stewardship – No Report**Finance** – David Cheshire and Jim Bennington

Roser is in good shape financially in mid-March. We're pretty much on trend line as far as contributions go and we received a nice annual contribution in March.

Jim Bennington, reporting on investments, said that basically our total investments are about the same as they were at the end of last month.

Jim Bennington also announced that the Financial Review of the last three years has been completed and a letter with the details should arrive soon. Roser and Guild data were reviewed, so we are up to date.

Further financial information is found in the financial reports sent out before this meeting.

Old Business

Campus Update – Alan Ward

The stage plan is 99% done, with just one question still unanswered. Alan will be talking to the City.

Jim Bennington reported that the inside loft remodel is still looking for quotes from builders.

New Business

Pam Ladd requested that the 10:00 service be streamed into Fellowship Hall on Fellowship Sundays, which now coincide with Mission Sundays. Pastor Dirk said he would talk to the staff about it and that it shouldn't be any problem to get it set up.

Alan Ward mentioned that attendance at the last Pancake Breakfast was negatively impacted by the wrong date appearing two weeks in a row in the local newspaper and that the banner wasn't put up. The date mix-up in the newspapers was due to their system and a sandwich board was used instead of the banner. These things will be revisited next year.

Cathy Meehan reminded Council members that Matt Meehan had sent information on how to do hybrid meetings. As more groups start to meet back at the church, not everyone is able to join in person, so groups are doing hybrid meetings, which include people who are there in person and those who are zooming in. Finance and Exec both decided last week that in April they would start doing hybrid meetings. Staff has started to look at what is going to be necessary and how it's going to work with that many people doing the meetings. Matt sent an email to the chairs of the B/Cs regarding these meetings. If you did not receive this email and you are a chair or co-chair, please let me know and I will forward this email to you. Staff needs to have the information to make sure that everything is covered adequately and that there are people in place who can help when they need to have help.

Cathy Meehan brought forward the plan to reactivate the Digital Applications Team (DAT).

One of the appointed committees that we have existence right now is the Digital Applications Team (DAT). The former chair of that committee is no longer attending Roser. As chair of the congregation, I'm bringing forward a motion to appoint Jim Bennington as chair of that committee. Is there a second? Glenda. Any discussion? Jim Bennington said that reactivating DAT would reconstitute a resource for Emily to work with and insure that the budgetary money that put there has proper council oversight to be spent. Cathy made a motion to:

**Nominate Jim Bennington as the Chair of DAT.
The motion passed.**

Jim will recruit the remaining members.

As there was no other New Business, Dirk prayed a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Roser Council will be on April 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Cathy Meehan, substituting as Clerk for Cass Robertson